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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Intelligence Definitions Working Group,
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1. The meeting began with a review of a disclaimer the Group's chairman, [] has worked out with the Office of the Legislative Counsel. The issue is whether the glossary the Group is compiling must conform its definitions to those in various Executive Orders, Presidential Directives, and Legislation. The disclaimer will say that the glossary is governing unless other documents contain differing definitions of their own. (The disclaimer suggests the language of the glossary will not be elegant. The disclaimer says, for example, that the glossary will not be "completely exhaustive," but will be a "living compendium.")

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2. The Group noted that the Huddleston sub-committees' list of requested definitions contained five that were not on the Group's list of terms to be defined in the glossary. The Group added the Huddleston five.

3. A representative of the Human Resources Committee supplied the Group with three definitions concerning its area of activity. The purpose of the definitions is to get intelligence out of the terms and definitions used; many of the collectors of information from human sources (forgive the term) are not members of the intelligence community and object to the word intelligence being used. This otherwise semantic problem does have the virtue of eliminating the use of HUMINT.

4. The Group spent the bulk of its time on a review of the terms suggested by various agencies for definition in the glossary. Assignments were made for drafting the definitions; the undersigned will supply seven. The Group will meet next on 18 October to start wading its way through these draft definitions. The most obvious problem to emerge thus far is that some agencies will try to create new categories of intelligence--e.g., proliferation intelligence by DOE.

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5. An "emergency meeting" of the Group has been called for tomorrow morning to review the 26 draft definitions requested by the Huddleston sub-committee. The author contributed one of these--National Intelligence Estimate.



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